

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor K.D.Roughley
Councillor Mrs. E.Uren
Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

Also in Attendance : Mrs.M.McNulty – Resident of Windle
L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

35. Prayers

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which she opened with prayers for the work of the Council.

36. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor W.Ashcroft – having to attend another meeting- Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser away ,and Councillor K.D.Roughley for the early part of the meeting only.

37. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made ..At this point, Councillor K.D.Roughley joined the meeting.

38. Parish Matters

- a) Residents were complaining of very careless and dangerous car parking, by people delivering and collecting their children to and from St.Thomas of Canterbury ,Windleshaw School,on Rainford Road.
One particular incident involving vehicles parking in Dartmouth Drive,had almost resulted in a very serious accident.

Resolved that letters of complaint be sent to both the School and the Police to request some preventative action.

- b) Difficulties being caused to drivers emerging from Hamilton Road onto Bleak Hill Road because of the hedge at number 86 ,Bleak Hill Road making it difficult to see.

Clerk to ask if the hedge might be cut back to solve this problem.

c) More parking problems had arisen at the Kiln Lane /Coronation Road Shops.

d) The Clerk had been informed by John Welsh (Electoral Services-St.Helens Council) that nobody had responded to the recent Notice of Casual Vacancy within the necessary time limit.It was now the Parish Councils duty to co-opt a new Parish Councillor.

It was decided that this matter would be discussed further towards the end of the meeting.

39.Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual General and the ordinary council meeting of the Parish Council,held on16th May 2006,which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of both the Annual and ordinary meetings be confirmed as true and correct records and be signed by the Chairman.

40. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

41. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted ;

a) Invitations to comment in respect of;

(1) P/2006 / 0632 – St.Helens B.C.-Land alongside East Lancs.Rd., and Rainford Road- adjacent to N/West Boundary of existing Cemetery.

Change of use of land ex agricultural to cemetery and parking.

(2) P/2006/0673 – Mr.& Mrs.Appleton-38 Windlebrook Crescent
Single storey side-extension forming lounge/study.

(3) P/2006/0717- Mr. & Mrs.Kilgannon- 10 The Grove-
Two Storey Side- Extension.

(4) P/2006/0736 – F.J.Turner – 73 Rainford Road – Loft conversion
With dormer to rear elevation.

b) Approvals – in respect of;

1) P/2006/0429 Mr.& Mrs.P.Houghton-27 Hamilton Rd.-
Single storey extension to side and rear

- 2) P/2006/0455 – Mrs.CA.Bass.-8 St.Mawes Way- single stry.rear extn with pitched roof to form extended dining room.
- 3) P/2006/0468 – Mr.Gorman – 37 Rutherford Rd.- Conservatory to rear.
- 4) P/2006/ 0522 – Mr. & Mrs.Taylor- 11 Hamilton Rd.
Works to trees in a conservation area plus single stry.rear extn. incorporating a dining room
- 5) P/2006/0559 – S.Tyrer – 31 Queens Drive – 2 stry.side extn.+ single stry .extns. to side and rear and conversion of a flat roof to a pitched roof.

Resolved that the 5 approvals in (b) should be noted, and that no comments be made concerning the planning applications in (a) 1,2,4,

However regarding (a) 3 i.e. 0717- 10 The Grove- the Parish Council were concerned about the size and overbearing nature of the planned extension ,and the effect on the neighbouring property. These observations to be communicated to Planning Office.

41. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence to be dealt with as indicated;

- a) “Contact”-Latest Edition.- Received
- b) Survey Form ex CVS – Received
- c) Summer Programme of Discussions from the Dr.Duncan Society.Received
- d) St.Helens Council Minutes 1/02/06-16/05/06 - Received

42. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report

43. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported that several teams had not paid their levy of £36 and this matter was being followed up with those concerned.

Copies of the appropriate accounts for 2005/06 plus Bank Statements had been supplied to Windle Parish Council,by the secretary of the Ecclesfield Management Committee.Noted.

44. LAPTC/ NALC

Nil Report.

45. Garden Competition

The Clerk informed that arrangements for the Poster Competition had been made, and he would collect the entries next week.

Judging of the Garden Competition was provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 18 July, but Cllr. Mrs. M.P. Fraser, not present at this meeting, would confirm arrangements with those involved.

46. Parish Newsletter

The latest issue had now been distributed throughout the Parish and some very positive feed-back had already been received from readers.

The Chairman paid tribute to the fine efforts of the Editor, Cllr. Ken Roughley, and the Council duly endorsed these remarks.

Resolved that the original frontispiece planned i.e. a photograph of the damage sustained by the shops on Kiln Lane due to vandalism, and which had not been used, should feature on an inside page in the next edition.

47. Lynton Way Play Area

Despite the installation of the new taller fencing the play area was still being "invaded" out of hours, according to complaints being received from residents.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft had already enlisted the aid of Brian Johnson to investigate this matter further and provide a solution.

A resident had also complained that the gates were not always being locked. Cllr. Mrs. N.J. Ashcroft undertook to pursue the matter with St. Helens Security Force.

48. Jim Malone Garden

The Clerk said that the litter-bin, which was now beyond repair, had still not been replaced, despite earlier requests.

As Cllr. W. Ashcroft had been dealing with this originally matter he was to be requested to urge it forward.

49. Bleak Hill School Awards

The Clerk confirmed that all arrangements were in hand, and that a letter of invitation had been sent to Canon G.F. Almond (Chairman of the School Governors) to attend.

50. Christmas Tree Lighting 2006

The Clerk confirmed that a date had been arranged with the School for this event i.e. Friday 1st December 2006 .

Resolved that the necessary arrangements be made including an invitation to the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. T. Sims, and the possibility of additional lights for the tree. The Clerk to attend to these matters.

51. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports were made.

52. Finance

(a) Balances

The Clerk reported that the balances at the 26th May 2006 were :

Current Account - £1617.30

Capital Reserve Account- £9988.35

(b) External Audit

The Clerk informed Council that the legally required notices had been posted on the Parish Notice Boards, but requested further that the finalisation of the Audit Documentation be carried out at the next meeting in July.

Resolved that this would be done on the 18th July 2006 Meeting.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given to the payment of the following accounts :

		£
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	18.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary & Expenses	286.28
W.H.Smith Retail Ltd.	Vouchers/School Awards	150.00

53. Parish Matters continued / Council Vacancy

As noted in min.38d (ante) it was necessary for the Council to co-opt a new councillor to fill the recent Casual Vacancy.

Mrs.M. McNulty had previously indicated an interest,and had been approached as to whether she would be willing to serve if asked
Having confirmed her interest she left the meeting whilst the situation was discussed.
Upon her return it was

Resolved that Mrs.M.McNulty be co-opted onto the Windle Parish Council ,and she duly completed both the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form” and the “Notice of Financial and Other Interests Form”,which would be sent on to Martin Hughes (Head of Admin.-St.Helens Council) by the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed her as a new member of the the Council.

54. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday,18th July 2006,commencing at 7.00 pm .

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

(Date)